

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 4438-02  
BILL NO.: Perfected SB 996  
SUBJECT: Crimes and Punishment: Returned Checks  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: February 29, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>                  |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2001    | FY 2002    | FY 2003    |
| None  | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2001    | FY 2002    | FY 2003    |
| None  | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                              | FY 2001        | FY 2002        | FY 2003        |
| <b>Counties</b>                            | <b>Unknown</b> | <b>Unknown</b> | <b>Unknown</b> |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses  
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator, State Public Defender,** and the **Office of the Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials of the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume that the proposal would increase fees collected by county prosecutors for bad checks, but would have no impact on the number of cases.

**Oversight** assumes that the proposal would increase the fees assessed by prosecuting or circuit attorneys on returned checks, and that counties would consequently collect additional revenues from such fees. The amount of increased collections cannot be reasonably determined.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2001<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
|   | 0                   | 0       | 0       |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2001<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|

**COUNTIES**

|  |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Income</u> -additional fees collected by prosecuting attorneys on returned checks | <u>Unknown</u> | <u>Unknown</u> | <u>Unknown</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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DESCRIPTION

The proposal would increase the amounts to be collected by prosecuting or circuit attorneys for administrative handling costs of returned checks. Costs would be \$5 for checks less than \$25, \$15 for checks of \$25 but less than \$150, \$25 for checks of \$150 but less than \$500, \$50 for checks of \$500 but less than \$1,000, and \$75 for checks of \$1,000 or more.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the Attorney General  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
State Public Defender



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